I.C.P.O. Calendar

16-24 February 2006

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (February 16 - 24, 2006)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).
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16/02/2006: Titi, YO9AFH, can be found working as 5Z4KI from Kenya mostly on SSB around 14275 or 21275 kHz for the next three months. QSL via YO9AFH. [Tnx DXNL]

16/02/2006: FR/G - Glorioso Islands - Didier, F5OGL, reports that the Glorioso expedition (IOTA AF-011) previously planed from March 16th to April 7th is one more time postponed but still not cancelled. A TV reporter team could join the expedition. New scheme is under work an we will update this website as soon as possible. Web site: http://glorieuses2005.free.fr/ [Tnx F5NQL]

16/02/2006: Phil, G4OBK/p, plans to activate Urra Moor - Round Hill (SOTA G/TW-001, 454m), Tyne to the Wash region on February 16th. Activity will be on 7.030, 10.106 MHz CW and 5.398 MHz SSB, starting around 11:45 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

16/02/2006: Dennis, K7BV, will operate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) from the HI3CCP Santiago mountaintop QTH, Loma del Toro (www.lomadeltoro.com), Dominican Republic (IOTA NA-096). Dennis will sign HI3TEJ during the contest. Look for H3I/K7BV to be used outside the contest. QSL HI3/K7BV to CBA. QSL HI3TEJ via ON4IQ. [Tnx K7BV]

16/02/2006: Operators Eugene (K0IEX), Vladimir (N0STL) and Ron (N0AT) will be active from Utila Island (IOTA NA-057), Honduras, during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as HQ9H, a Multi-Single entry. QSL via W0JAR. Outside of the contest they will sign HR9/K0IEX, HR9/N0STL and HR9/N0AT. QSL via home calls. [Tnx OPDX]

16/02/2006: JN4MBO/5 will be active February 16th from Yuge Island (IOTA AS-076, JIIA AS-076-New), JA5 Ehime Prefecture, Shikoku Islands group. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx JI6KVR]

16/02/2006: John, W2GD, will be active from the island of Aruba (IOTA SA-036) as P40W between February 16th and March 8th. Activity will be on the WARC bands and 160 meters. Also, look for him in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via N2MM. [Tnx OPDX]

16/02/2006: Johnny, LA5IIA, is in Kabul, Afghanistan, again and plans to hit the airwaves as T68G. QSL via LA4YW. [Tnx DXNL]

16/02/2006: Operators NS0B (Alan) and WC0W (John) will be active from Belize in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th), using either V31TP or V31EV as their call. They will also be there for a couple of days on either side of the contest, probably Wednesday through Monday. Activity will be on 160-10 meters; no WARC bands (no antennas for them). [Tnx OPDX]

16/02/2006: Operators Will N7OU (ZK1NOU) and Rob W7YAQ (ZK1YAQ) will be active from Rarotonga, South Cook Islands (IOTA OC-013) February 16-24th, including a Multi/Single entry in ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as ZK1NOU. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx OPDX]

16/02/2006: Peter, DL3APO, reports that Wolfgang (Wulf) DL1AWI, Matthias (Mat) DL5XU and Erik DL9AWI will be on an expedition to the Pacific from January 14th until March 3rd. They will be active while travelling through Auckland, New Zealand (IOTA OC-036), February 26th to March 3rd. They will run two stations consisting of FT-847, FT-890, IC706MKII, 2x Linear Amp. 600W, Antenna tuner, vertical antennas as well as three fiberglass rods and plenty of wire for Beverage antennas and will place to emphasis on lower bands, especially 160m. QSL cards for these activities are all via DL3APO. Calls (FO/hc) will be announced at a later date. Bookmark http://www.radioklub.de/cgcg/ for updates and logs. [Tnx DL3APO]

17/02/2006: Piero, I1ASU/p, plans to activate the Castle of Vernante (DCI reference CN-264, for the Italian castles award) on February 17th. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters, starting around 08:00/08:30 UTC. The castle is located in the region of Piemonte, province of Cuneo (CN). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx I1ASU]

17/02/2006: Otto, PY1OTO, expects to operate mainly CW as PY1OTO/PY0T from Trindade Island (SA-010) for three days around mid-February (indicatively on 17-19th). QSL via the bureau or direct. [Tnx 425 DXN]

17/02/2006: Martti OH2BH (V31BH) and Pertti OH2PM (V31PP) will be cruising in the Caribbean with their ladies to activate Belize in both ARRL International DX Contests, multi-operator all-bands (CW: February 18-19th and SSB: March 4-5th). QSLs to their respective home callsigns. [Tnx F5NQL]

18/02/2006: Members of the 9A1A Croatian DX Club (CDXC) will operate as 9A15DX in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via 9A1A. [Tnx NG3K]

18/02/2006: Bill, W8QZA, will be operating from KH6SQ's QTH (IOTA OC-019) for the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as AH7ZA. He will be operating QRP on all bands. QSL via W8QZA. This is the first time that AH7ZA has been used in a contest, so it will not be in the master file. [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2006: Toni, OH2UA, will be active from the Azores (IOTA EU-003) as CU2A in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via OH2BH. [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2006: Operator Leppala, OH2BYS, will be active from the Canary Islands (IOTA AF-004) as EA8/OH4NL in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m or possibly 15/40m)/High-Power entry. QSL via OH2BYS. [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2006: Alain, F1MMR/p, will activate, Saturday February 18th and/or Sunday February 19th, the Manor of Berthaisieres (DFCF reference 37-091 for the French castles award), located in the commune of Cravant Coteaux. The postal code is 37500 and the canton is that of Isle Bouchard (DDCF 37013). It is a castle of the mid 16th century which was then altered. The Manor was registered with the Historic buildings in 1947. Alain will be active on 40 meter SSB, starting around 11:00 UTC.

QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F1MMR]

18/02/2006: Francois/F5JNE and Gerard/F6ICG will be active February 18th as F5JNE/p from the Castle of La Manderie (DFCF reference 45-031 for the French castles award), City of Ouzouer des Champs (CP 45290), Canton of Lorris (DDCF 45-16), Department Loiret (45), Province of Centre. As usual the activity will start around 07:00 UTC on 40 meter CW and SSB. QSL via the bureau is preferred, SWL cards welcome. [Tnx F5NQL]

18/02/2006: Patrick, F8DYD/p, plans to activate the Castle Masseuil (DFCF reference 86-023 for the French castles award) and the water mill Bouchet (DMF 86-009 for the French mills award) on February 18th, in the morning. The castle and mill are located in Masseuil City (CP 86190), and the county of Vouille (86-30). Look for Patrick to be active on 40 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or through the REF bureau. [Tnx F8DYD]

18/02/2006: G7EGQ (Ian) and M3FZK (Alan) will be active February 18th in the Furness ARS SOTA Party to the Isle of Man (IOTA EU-116, WLOTA LH-0449) as GD7EGQ/p and MD3FZK/p respectively. Ian, GD7EGQ/p, will activate Snaefell summit (SOTA GD/GD-001, 621m), Isle Of Man region, at 09:00 UTC. Alan, MD3FZK/p, will activate Slieau Freoaghane summit (SOTA GD/GD-002, 488m), Isle Of Man region, at 12:00 UTC. Both activities will be on 40, 2 meter SSB and 145 and 433 MHz FM. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

18/02/2006: Mathias, JW5NM, will be active from Spitsbergen Island (IOTA EU-026, WLOTA LH-0125) in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via the information at QRZ.com. [Tnx NG3K]

18/02/2006: Brooke, N2BA, will be active from Puerto Rico (IOTA NA-099, also count for WLOTA LH-2802) as KP3/N2BA in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via WA3RHW. Look for his XYL Eve, N2GSG, before and after the contest. [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2006: Chris, M0DOL, will be active with the G4GIN girl guide group from the Castle Ashby (C.A.S.H.O.T.A. reference G-015-C) on February 18-19th, using the call G4GIN. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via QRZ.com. [Tnx M0DOL]

18/02/2006: The LBCC will be active from Slovakia as OM7M in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OM3PA. [Tnx NG3K]

18/02/2006: Operators Ulf/SM3RAB and Tomas/SM3WMU will be active from Sweden as SM3D in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via SM3WMU, bureau preferred. [Tnx NG3K]

18/02/2006: Look for JL1WQO to be QRV from the Marshall Islands (IOTA OC-028) as V73WQ on February 18-22nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meter SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

18/02/2006: Kurt, W6PH, will be active from the island of Bermuda (IOTA NA-005, lighthouse WLOTA LH-0201) as VP9/W6PH for both ARRL DX Contests (CW - February 18-19th and SSB - March 4-5th). QSL direct only to W6PH. [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2006: Alfredo, WP3C, will be active in the ARRL DX CW contest (February 18-19th) from Puerto Rico (IOTA NA-099, also count for WLOTA LH-2802 lighthouse) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power category. QSL via W3HNK. [Tnx NG3K]

18/02/2006: Look for Dale, N3BNA, to be QRV from Paraguay as ZP0R during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as Single-Op entry. QSL via W3HNK. [Tnx OPDX]

19/02/2006: G0HIK (Nick), M3HWG (Adam) and M3MGU will be active February 19th in the Furness ARS SOTA Party to the Isle of Man (IOTA EU-116, WLOTA LH-0449) as GD0HIK/p, MD3HWG/p and MD3MGU/p respectively. Nick, GD0HIK/p, will activate South Barrule summit (SOTA GD/GD-003, 483m), Isle Of Man region, at 10:00 UTC. Adam, MD3HWG/p, will activate Bradda Hill (SOTA GD/GD-004, 230m), Isle Of Man region, at 13:00 UTC. MD3MGU/p will activate Mull Hill (SOTA GD/GD-005, 169M), Isle Of Man region, at 16:00 UTC. All three activities will be on 40, 2 meter SSB and 145 and 433 MHz FM. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

19/02/2006: ARI Cantu' members plus HB9OAE will operate as IQ2TU/2 from Campione d'Italia (an Italian enclave in Swiss territory) on February 19th, from 08:00 to around 11:30 UTC. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx 425 DXN]

19/02/2006: Operators JI5USJ (Toru) and JI5RPT (Makoto) plan to operate as JD1BLX and JD1BLY from Chichi-Jima Island (JD1-Ogasawara, IOTA AS-031, JIA 10-110, JIIA AS-031-003, JCG 10007, WW Loc. QL17cb), between February 19-28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters and satellite (VO-52, FO-29) CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Their focus will be on the low bands and CW. QSL via their home calls, by the bureau or direct. [Tnx OPDX]

20/02/2006: Goran, YZ1SG/YT2A, plans to activate the special event station 4O3ANT during the "3rd Antarctic Activity Week" from February 20-26th. Expect more stations with the ANT suffix to show up this week, but only a few of them are really working from the Antarctic! [Tnx DXNL]

20/02/2006: Ely, HA9RE will be actve from Ahe Atoll, Tuamutu Archipelago (FO, IOTA OC-131, DIFO FO-028), French Polynesia, for about ten days starting February 20th. He plans to operate on 160-10 meter CW, SSB and RTTY. Ely will operate as either FO/HG9G or with a special call issued by the local authorities.QSL via HA8IB (Szabo Karoly, Aradi u. 42, H-5525 Fuzesgyarmat, Hungary). [Tnx 425 DXN]

20/02/2006: Jacques, F6HMJ, will be QRV from Guadeloupe Island (IOTA NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WLOTA LH-0644) from February 3rd to March 7th. He will use the callsign TO2ANT during the 3rd Antarctic Actiivity Week (AAW - February 20-26th). Activity will be on 80-10 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F6HMJ. [Tnx OPDX]

20/02/2006: Bill ZD8WX (W4WX) and Jan ZD8QD (K4QD) Will be traveling to Ascension Island (IOTA AF-003) on February 20, 2006. They will remain on the island until March 2, 2006. Bill is taking a new 160m vertical (MA160V) provided by Cushcraft. They will also have antennas for 80-10 meters. So look for them on CW, PSK-31, RTTY and SSB. QSL ZD8WX direct to W4WX and ZD8QD via the bureau or direct to K4QD. [Tnx W4WX]

21/02/2006: Sigi, DL7DF, and crew will be on a Caribbean DXpedition once again. Five experienced operators will participate: DL4WK (Wolf), DL7UFR (Frank), DL7VOA (Rob), SP3DOI (Les) and DL7DF (Sigi). Activity

will be between February 21 and March 8, 2006, beginning with island of Saint Martin (FS, IOTA NA-105, DIFO FS-001) and afterwards the island of St. Maarten (PJ7, NA-105). They have booked two places at the east coast of each island to have a free shot into Europe. The group will run two stations consisting of 2x IC735, 1x IC706, 2x TY 900 Linear Amp. 900W, a Titanex V80 E, a Hexbeam 5 Band Yagi, a R7 vertical as well as two fiberglass rods with plenty of wire. Modes will be CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. The activation from PJ7/ will also count for the St. Maarten lighthouse (WLOTA LH-0711). QSL via DL7DF through the bureau or direct. [Tnx DL7DF & F5NQL]

21/02/2006: Bil/W8EB (PJ7WB-PJ7B-PJ8A) and his wife Dorothy/W8DVC will be QRV February 21st to March 26th from the island of Sint Maarten (IOTA NA-105) as PJ7/homecall. Look for them to be active on 160 meters and up, using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. Bil will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th), perhaps as PJ7B. All QSLs via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx NG3K]

22/02/2006: Tony, N2TK, reports that he will be at Windwood, WP2Z, St. Croix Island, USVI (IOTA NA-106, also count for St. Croix Island lighthouse WLOTA LH-2477), from February 22nd to March 8th. He will be on for the ARRL SSB Contest (March 4-5th). Tony will probably make some contacts the previous weekend on the 160M SSB Contest (February 25-26th) too. QSL for WP2Z to KU9C. Before and after the contests will use N2TK/NP2. QSL this call to his home call. This may be the last contest from Windwood as it is to be sold by the end of March. [Tnx N2TK]

23/02/2006: Operators Heikki "Henry"/OH3JF and Henri/OH3JR plan to be active from Honduras as HQ9F between February 23rd and March 17th. Activity will be on 160-10m with focus on the low bands, CW, SSB and RTTY; targeting EU and Japan. QSL via OH3MKH, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

23/02/2006: Tony/LA9VDA (JW9VDA), Andy/LA8AJA (JW8AJA) and Morton/LA9DFA (JW9DFA) will be QRV from Svalbard (IOTA EU-026) between February 23rd and March 1st. Look for them on all bands, CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL JW8AJA and JW9VDA via LA9VDA, JW9DFA via LA9DFA. [Tnx NG3K]

23/02/2006: Steve/MW0ZZK and Florent/F4CYZ will be on the air from Ile Royale (IOTA SA-020, DIFO FY-008), Salut Islands, French Guyana, as TO7IR between February 23-27th. Activity will be on 80-6 meter SSB, CW and digital modes. This operation also counts for Salut Island - Royale Island lighthouse (WLOTA LH-0911). QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. [Tnx IZ8CCW]

23/02/2006: G3RTE (Jim) and G3SWH (Phil) will be active as VP2V/G6AY from Anegada Island in the British Virgin Islands (IOTA NA-023) between February 23rd and March 1st. Their activity will be primarily CW on 80-10 meters but with some SSB and the possibility of some 160 meters CW operation. They will have two 100 watt stations and hope to be on the air as much as possible, propagation permitting. QSL via G3SWH, direct (with SAE and adequate return postage), via E-mail for a bureau reply or via the RSGB Bureau. [Tnx OPDX]

24/02/2006: Laci, HA0HW, will fly to Ireland on February 24th and will spend a week near Dublin, Ireland (IOTA EU-115, also count for lighthouse WLOTA LH-2484). He will try operating with his good-old travelling radio (FT-840) and well-tried fishing pole verticals. QSL via

home call, direct (QRZ.com) or HA bureau. [Tnx HA0HW]

24/02/2006: Markus/DJ7EO, Dietmar/DL3DXX, Tom/DL5LYM and Uwe/DL9NDS will operate from Port Vila (OC-035), Vanuatu, from February 24th to March 11th. Licences and relevant callsigns will be collected upon arrival. They will have two complete stations and plans are to concentrate on 160, 80 and 40 meter CW (plus RTTY, WARC and some SSB). QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx 425 DXN]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

25/02/2006: Look for Franck, F4DTO/p, to activate the Castle of Sceaux (DFCF reference 92-004, for the French Castles award) on February 25th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F6FNA]

26/02/2006: Look for Franck, F4DTO/p, to activate the Small Castle of Seals (DFCF reference 92-005, for the French Castles award) on February 26th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F6FNA]

01/03/2006: Nik, HB9EAA/p, will activate the Rickenbacher Flue summit (SOTA reference HB/BL-015, 745m, WW Loc. JN37VL), Basel Land region, on March 1st. Activity will be on 7.030 MHz CW and 14.285 SSB starting around 11:15 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

04/03/2006: Pete, W2IRT, will be QRV from the Bahama Islands (IOTA NA-001) as C6/W2IRT between March 4-10th. Activity will be mainly on 20 and 17 meters with 100 watts and dipole antenna, in his spare time. QSL to home call via direct, bureau or LoTW. [Tnx NG3K]

04/03/2006: Operators Joaquin/EA1AAW, Roberto/EA1DBC and Fernando/EA1CNF will be active as ED1EA in the ARRL DX SSB (March 4-5th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via EA1DGZ, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

08/03/2006: Look for Pete/K8PT, Craig/K3PLV, Tom/W8JWN and Jim/N1NK to be QRV as MJ/homecall from the Isle of Jersey (IOTA EU-013) between March 8-15th. They will operate on 160-6 meter SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK, with focus on the low bands. There will be at least 2 stations operational 24 hours a day. QSL via the individual operators' home call. This activity will also count for the Jersey Island lighthouse (WLOTA LH-0818). [Tnx NG3K]

20/03/2006: Brad, K7ZSD, will be active as CN2SD from Morocco between March 20-28th. The main purpose of this operation is to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band 20 meter entry. QSL via K7ZSD (QRZ.com). [Tnx F5NQL]

21/05/2006: John, G8LGC, plans to be QRV May 21st from Conisbrough Castle, 8Km West of Doncaster in South Yourshire, using the callsign G8LGC/P from his car, 100 watts to a small doublet aerial. It was built in 1180 and is considered to be one of the finest examples of medieval castle architecture in Europe. www.conisbroughcastle.org.uk - WAB: SK59, IO95JL & Cashota Number: G/001/C.
Over the third weekend in June (16-18th), Special Events Amateur Radio Educational Group (SEAREG) and the Rose And Crown Amateur Radio Club will be combining and operating from this castle 24 hours a day, with the callsign GB8CC - HF, VHF, UHF and Fast Scan Television. We are hoping to get funding so that ALL VISITORS get in FREE. This is their show piece each year since 2003 and a big public demonstration weekend with hundreds of visitors. VHF, UHF & Fast Scan Television, aerials will

be on top of KEEP at 27Mtrs and a 80Mtr Doublet from top of keep to the apron wall, fed with 300 Ohm ribbon. [Tnx F5NQL]

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Great Britain's telecommunications agency has decided to issue lifetime amateur licenses and to shift primarily to online issuance of license documents. In an announcement today, OFCOM said ham licenses in the UK "will remain valid for as long as the licence details remain correct or until such time as the licence is either revoked by Ofcom or surrendered by the licensee." There will, however, be a requirement that licensees "validate" their license details at least once every five years "in order to maintain their lifetime licence." In addition, OFCOM announced it will provide an online, web-based self-service licensing service, and will issue electronic license documents (probably PDF files) which users may then print out on their own. Traditional paper licenses would still be available, but at a small fee. The announcement did not provide the effective date of the changes. The full text of the decision is available online at www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/aradio/statement/statement_amradio.pdf [Tnx CQ Newsroom]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

16/02/2006: Special event station HG2006S is QRV to celebrate the European Swimming Championship in July and August in Budapest and the European Junior Swimming Championship. QSL via HA1CW. [Tnx SP9JPA]

18/02/2006: The Hillingdon Guides and Brownies will be participating in Thinking Day on the Air on 18 February using the callsign GB2HGB. They will be on air from 14:00 to 17:30 UTC on 80, 40 and 2m, and 70cm. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx GB2RS]

18/02/2006: The St Martin's Girl Guides will be taking part in the Guides Thinking Day on the Air on Saturday 18 February from 14:00 to 17:00 UTC. They will be operating on most HF bands and on the Echolink node 262510 using the callsign GB4SGG. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx GB2RS]

18/02/2006: To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the International Shortwave League (http://www.iswl.org.uk), the special call GB6SWL will be aired February 18th and 19th. The operator will be Dick Watford, M5DIK, of Hertfordshire, England. QSL only via Alan Loveridge G-1190, 29 Courtiers Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 8NU, England. [Tnx I.S.W.L.]

01/03/2006: The following special ISWL Club calls will be aired during the entire month of March: GX4BJC /P by Stephen, M0AIR, and MX1SWL /P by John G8XTJ. QSLs for both calls via Alan Loveridge G-1190, 29 Courtiers Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 8NU, England. [Tnx I.S.W.L.]

05/03/2006: To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the International Shortwave League (http://www.iswl.org.uk), the special call GB60SWL will be aired March 5th by Mick/G8VHB and others, from the RSPB - Old Moor Wetlands Centre, near Barnsley, England. QSL only via Alan Loveridge G-1190, 29 Courtiers Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 8NU, England. [Tnx I.S.W.L.]

04/04/2006: Look for special call GB0MPA to be aired April 4th, for 28 days, to commemorate the callsign of RMS Carpathia, the ship that saved 750 persons from the wreck of the Titanic. QSL via GW0ANA. [Tnx RNARS]

20/04/2006: The special call GB80QE will be aired April 20th, for 28 days, to celebrate the 80th birthday of HM the Queen. QSL via GW0ANA. [Tnx RNARS]

22/04/2006: Special call GB4MDI will be aired for International Marconi Day on April 22, 2006. QSL via GW0ANA. [Tnx RNARS]

ON4DAMIAN - Starting a few weeks from now, you will regularly hear the somewhat unusual callsign ON4DAMIAN on the air. Here is the story on this special call. ON4DAMIAN is a special station commemorating "the Greatest Belgian", a title Father Damian earned by a popular poll during a series of TV programs where Flemish people were searching for a Belgian, worth this honour.
During similar TV programs the British chose Churchill, the French De Gaulle, the Germans Adenauer, all great statesmen, the Flemish chose Father Damian, born Jozef De Veuster, an unselfish philanthropist, a missionary priest.
Who is this Father Damian, what?s so special about him, what makes him so great?
It is well known that through the ages Belgium, and Flanders more in particular, has sent out large numbers of missionary priests all over the world. Father Damian was one of them. In 1873, at the age of 33 he traveled half around the world to the island of Molokai in Hawaii. There he served in the leper colony where people suffering from leprosy used to be banned to die. Father Damian improved their living conditions, built houses and gave them help and comfort and eventually a dignified burial. After many years of living amongst the leper, he became one of them himself, and chose to die among his leper people after having cared for them for 16 years. Father Damian's work is still an example for many today.
In 1938 the process for his beatification was introduced in Belgium.
In 1996 Father Damian was declared blessed by pope John Paul II. In 1959 the territory of Hawaii became a US state, and each state was allowed to place statues of their dead in the Statuary Hall of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Hawaii erected a statue of Father Damian (see photo to the left). This statue is the only one in the Capitol building of a non American, but chosen by the state of Hawaii to honour one of their great heroes.
In Belgium he is now regarded by the Flemish community as the "greatest" Belgian ever.
Interesting links:
http://www.nps.gov/kala/docs/damien.htm
http://www.sparrowsp.addr.com/film%20pages/molokai.htm
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ANTARCTIC NEWS -

WAP-P.S.A. (Polar Ships Award) -
Received from Alberto Mattei, IT9MRM, Italian National coordinator of ARMI (Associazione Radioamatori Marinai d? Italia).
Go to: http://digilander.libero.it/assoradiomarinai/polar/polarhome.htm and you will find a link just set up for WAP-PSA. Rules and application forms will be available as well. [Tnx Dynamic DX Charterhouse]

WAP Special Edition 20, ready to Download.
Thanks to Gianluigi IZ8EWB a young student in Aeronautical Engineering

at Naples Polytechnic University, for the assembly job of this WAP SE
20.
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http://www.ddxc.net/wap/ [Tnx WAP]
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Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
Mirror: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
DX Calendar: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/dx_cal.html
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